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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER ESTABLISHES POLITICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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1. JULY 3 EL PERUANO PUBLISHED TEXT OF NEW DECREE ESTABLISHING THE PRIME MINISTER'S CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL. TEXT STATES THAT "PRIME MINISTER PARTICIPATES IN POLITICAL MANAGEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENTS AND THEREFORE THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL " WILL, ACCORDING TO NEEDS OF PRIME MINISTER, STUDY AND PROVIDE OPINIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S FUNCTION". COUNCIL WILL BE COMPOSED OF "INTELLECTUALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED PERSONS FROM DIVERSE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES WHO ARE NOT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (GOP) EMPLOYEES". THEY WILL PARTICIPATE AS

INDIVIDUALS AND AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. COMMENT: IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS FOR THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL ARE STILL TO BE ISSUED BUT THIS APPEARS TO BE A FURTHER STEP IN AN ORDERLY TRANSFER OF POWER FROM PRESIDENT VELASCO TO PRIME MINISTER MORALES BERMUDEZ. THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL WOULD COMPLEMENT THE ALREADY-WELL ESTABLISHED PRIME MINISTER'S INTER-MINISTERIAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (CIAEF) AND PROMISES TO

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POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES. WE DO NOT YET HAVE ANY INDICATION AS TO WHO WILL BE DESIGNATED TO THE COUNCIL; IN THE PAST GOP HAS FREQUENTLY APPOINTED CIVILIAN TECHNOCRATS, PROMINENT LAWYERS, AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND OTHER LEADERS OF PARTIES WHICH SUPPORT THE VELASCO REGIME, TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS, BOTH TO ADVISE THE GOP AND TO HELP "TAKE THE RAP" FOR EXPLAINING UNPOPULAR OR SENSITIVE GOVERNMENT DECISIONS TO THE PUBLIC. THE ALREADY DIMINISHED FUNCTION OF PRESIDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (COAP) COULD BE FURTHER REDUCED AS THIS CONSULTATIVE GROUP TAKES SHAPE.

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